

## NURSING GARMENT WITH MAGNETIC OPENING/CLOSURE

### CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001]

3,296,627	January 1967	Beard
5,182,813	February 1993	Booze
D382687	August 1997	Schaffner
6,854,132	February 2005	Polzin
D577877	October 2008	Saincome-Vawter
D595934	July 2009	Senior-Bundrick
D638196	May 2011	Torres
D644003	August 2011	Hendrickson
8,469,769	June 2013	Hendrickson
8,926,398	January 2015	Mendelev
D731744	June 2015	Coburn
D733401	July 2015	Coburn
2007/0124845	June 2007	McCoy
2008/0172771	July 2008	Adamson
2008/0276346	November 2008	Thunstedt
D849,368	May 2019	Ellis
D547,927	August 2007	Booth
D736,499	August 2015	Byrd
4,660,227	April 1987	Abramson
4,446,572	May 1984	Lindquist
4,106,122	August 1978	Dodd
D851,865	June 2019	Burk
D833,114	November 2018	Dickson
10,448,687	October 2019	Branan
2,319,292	May 1943	Boggs
2,389,298	November 1945	Ellis
4,249,267	February 1981	Voss
6,378,174	April 2002	Wong
7,806,309	October 2010	Korchmar
9,210,953	December 2015	Horton
9,572,386	February 2017	Scheer
10,342,299	July 2019	Reiter
2002/0178551	December 2002	Hsu
2003/0019008	January 2003	Prather
D664,738	August 2012	Friberg
2014/0130228	May 2014	Horton

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] There is a very limited history on nursing clothing. Nursing-specific wear is still relatively new to the market but is the next big step for women's fashion. The World Health Organization now recommends that all mothers breastfeed their children until age two, and more and more women in the United States are breastfeeding exclusively. In 2013 the percentage of mothers in the United States who breastfed their babies was 81%. Fashion has not truly caught up to what nursing mothers need and want. Every nursing item currently on the market either is combination maternity and nursing or has a typical nursing clothing appearance.

[0003] U.S. Pat. No. 8,469,769 discloses a nursing garment wherein a built-in bra is detachable by the use of nursing clips to connect a built-in bra to shoulder straps, wherein the built-in bra is detachable from either one of the shoulder straps in preparation for nursing. While this clip down access clip is functional, it cannot be used with fabric typical of most women's clothing and only allows for a thin strap. Use of a clip like this also makes it obvious that the garment is a nursing garment.

[0004] U.S. Pat. No. D851,865 features zipper opening under both arms. This may be functional for breastfeeding

while not being obvious, it is not necessarily practical as closing a side zipper while holding an infant can be difficult.

[0005] U.S. Pat. No. D736,499 uses camouflaged flaps as an opening but it is not always practical for every item of clothing.

[0006] U.S. Pat. No. 6,854,132 This shirt has the typical lift up access found in nursing wear.

[0007] U.S. Pat. No. D664,738 has the typical cross body/lift up access layered look that is typical on the market today, and what most women think of when they think of nursing clothing.

[0008] Modern women would like to wear the type of clothing that is in their pre-pregnancy closet while still being able to feed their child easily. This means a variety of styles including dresses, rompers, long sleeve blouses, swimwear and active wear with a discrete site of closure for opening the garment to breastfeed.

### BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0009] This nursing garment is designed in a way that others will not know that the mother is wearing clothing accessible for nursing. This has been done by using a magnetic closure on the strap of the garment. It can be utilized in a variety of ways by using different sizes and shaped magnets. The magnets can be placed either on the front of the garment, on the shoulder of the garment, or over the shoulder of the garment. The size, shape, and placement of the magnet can vary depending upon the style (for example-formal dress, tank top, maxi dress etc.) of the garment.

[0010] It is a principal object of the invention to provide a nursing garment that may take on any one of countless attractive styles and be embodied in any number of different types of wearing apparel without inhibiting the freedom of the woman to nurse as frequently as may be required.

[0011] The magnet is easy to camouflage because it is sewn into the inner layer of the garment allowing the garment to not look like the typical nursing garment. The magnetic closure allows the mother to drop a strap down on either side of her torso to easily to feed her child.

[0012] The magnetic closure allows the mother to nurse her child without pulling up or pulling down the entire front of the garment but by using a drop-down closure method.

[0013] It is another object of the invention to incorporate a functionality to the garment while still allowing the mother to wear fashion forward, aesthetically pleasing clothing.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF THE DRAWINGS

[0014] FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the drop-down magnet closure open with the breast exposed in a maxi dress with the closure located at the collarbone.

[0015] FIG. 2 is a front perspective view of the drop-down magnet closure closed in a maxi dress with the closure located at the collarbone.

[0016] FIG. 3 is a back perspective view of the drop-down magnet closure closed in a maxi dress with the closure located at the collarbone.

[0017] FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the drop-down magnet closure open with one breast exposed for access in a tank top with the closure located just over the shoulder.